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THE text of the treaty between China and Japan will be found reproduced in our "her column." It includes, of course, the agreement to the surrender to Japan of the Liaotung Peninsula, the retrocession of that territory being provided for in a supplementary agreement not yet published. In the main the text corresponds to the summaries of it that have been previously published, except as regards the commercial clause (VI), in which there are some important variations. A treaty of commerce and navigation and a convention "to regulate frontier intercourse and trade," as it is expressed in one translation, or a convention regarding "overland communications and trade," as the term is rendered in another, are to be concluded hereafter. The convention regarding the frontier or overland trade was previously projected with reference to the trade between Japan's possessions on the mainland and China, but after the retrocession of the Liaotung Peninsula there will be no occasion for such a convention and that point may therefore for all practical purposes be considered eliminated from the treaty signed on the 8th inst.

The treaty of commerce and navigation will refer to the trade conducted through the open ports, and it is on this that the main interest of merchants and manufacturers centres. The commercial treaty may carry matters a good deal further than the main treaty does, but the agreement as outlined in the latter does not secure such large advantages for foreign trade as had been expected and hoped for. The following cities, towns, and ports are to be opened, namely, Shashin in the province of Hupeh, Chungking in the province of Szechuen, Suowan in the province of Kiangsu, and Hangchow in the province of Chekiang; steam navigation is to be permitted on the Upper Yangtze as far as Chungking, and on the Wusung River and Canal to Suowan and Hangchow; Japanese subjects (and therefore the subjects of all the Treaty Powers) purchasing goods or produce in the interior of China or transporting imported merchandise to the interior are to be entitled to "temporarily rent or hire warehouses for the storage of the articles so purchased or transported without the payment of any taxes or exactions whatever," and Japanese subjects are to be free to engage in all kinds of manufacturing industries in all the open cities, towns, and ports of China, and to import into China all kinds of machinery. It will be observed that there is no provision for the abolition of厘金, but when the commercial treaty comes to be concluded it will not doubt be provided that no irregular exactions are to be levied. The qualification by the word "temporarily" of the right to rent warehouses in the interior makes the provision vague and is to be regretted. Would it be permissible to rent a warehouse on a long lease? Persons doing a regular business with parties in the interior would naturally desire to make arrangements for the storage of their goods that should

have some measure of permanence, for business of this class would be almost as impossible as at present if special arrangements as to warehousing had to be made in reference to each consignment. This matter also will therefore require more precise regulation in the treaty of commerce. The establishment of the hitherto disputed right of foreigners to establish manufacturing in China, and to import machinery in a substantial gain and will probably have large results. The right of steam navigation on the Upper Yangtze and to the towns of Suowan and Hangchow will also prove valuable. It will be noted, however, that no mention is made of the opening of ports on the West River or the establishment of steam navigation on that important waterway. It was reported that the towns of Suiching and Wuchow were to be opened and that steamers were to be allowed to ply to those places. This would have been an important gain to Hongkong and disappointment will be felt that the report has turned out to be incorrect. The omission, however, means probably only a short delay, for the British Government will not doubt now insist on the concession. The present is a favourable time for arguing on China such concessions as can reasonably be demanded, and advantage should be taken of it to secure amongst other things the opening of the West River, which would be a benefit alike to China and to foreign trade. It is no use deferring any longer to the obstructiveness of Chinese officialdom. The utter corruption and hollowness of the administration has been exposed by recent events, though it was well known without the exposure, and compulsion should now take the place of argument when any foreign Power has a just demand to prefer.

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The steamer *Peking* left for Canton yesterday morning to the mother and family of the Governor of Formosa to Nanking.

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H.M.S. *Drumhead* left for Shanghai yesterday to join the fleet of the Commander-in-Chief.

The N. G. I. steamer *Shanghai* left Singapore on Monday for this port and may be expected here on or about the 27th inst.

Since June's last year forty foreign vessels have been purchased by Japan—thirty of these being the British flag, nine the German, and one the Norwegian flag.

A correspondent draws attention to the absence of stone breaking in the streets and to the fact that no one is working along Wellington Street yesterday afternoon as was struck in the face yesterday afternoon.

An application for judicial separation by Mrs. J. E. Bala, Japanese by birth, and for alimony from her husband, the manager of the Japan Mail, has been heard at Yokohama by Judge Wilkinson, in Chambers.

According to official returns there have been 1,172 deaths from cholera in the last three months. There were more than 150 cases of cholera under treatment, besides 200 now being reported.

A Tientsin telegram of the 19th inst. to the *China Gazette* says: "The Yellow River has been overflowed, and has been in the vicinity of Shou-chou in Shantung, causing widespread devastation, the overflow waters reaching the Peiho and filling it with mud."

A temporary military garrison is to be established at the Pescadores. Mr. J. E. Bala, Japanese by birth, and for alimony from her husband, the manager of the Japan Mail, has been heard at Yokohama by Judge Wilkinson, in Chambers.

The 785 coolies who arrived at Singapore by the Norwegian steamer *Bygde* on the 10th inst. and who were detained on the 10th inst. for the purpose of a supposed fatal case of plague, have been released on the 13th inst.

Over 3,000 famine-stricken refugees have, the *China Gazette* says, overrun the neighbourhood of Tientsin, causing great inconvenience and suffering. The Chinese Government has ordered the Chinese troops to be sent to the frontier to prevent the refugees from entering the country.

Chong Sing, a former, charged Mr. W. Mason, foreman at the Comptroller's Office, with assault on him. The case was heard by Mr. J. E. Bala, Japanese by birth, and for alimony from her husband, the manager of the Japan Mail, has been heard at Yokohama by Judge Wilkinson, in Chambers.

The steamer *Peking* left for Canton yesterday morning to the mother and family of the



THE FRENCH MAIL.

M. steamer *Ermest Simons*, with the all of the 28th April, left Singapore at the 20th inst, at 5 p.m., and may be expected here on or about the 25th inst. The packet brings reports to letters due to Hongkong on the 20th March.

THE CANADIAN MAIL.  
M. steamer *Canada*, from San Francisco, for Yokohama and Nagasaki on the 26th inst.

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M. steamer *Canada*, from China left for Hongkong on the 18th inst.

MEMORIAL STEAMERS.  
M. steamer *Natal*, from Singapore, from d Liverpool, left Singapore, for this morning of the 19th inst, and may be here on or about the 25th inst.  
M. steamer *Wing Lok*, from Singapore, returned on the 20th inst, and may be expected on or about the 27th inst.  
M. steamer *Java* left Bombay for the afternoon of the 14th inst.  
M. steamer *Natal*, from Singapore, from d Liverpool, passed the Canal on the 16th inst, and may be expected at Penang on or about the 1st June.

ST-OFFICE NOTICES.

The authorized List of Mails issued in with this paper is the one published daily in our Extra," which is corrected twice hour than that given below.

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Singapore and Batavia.—For Chewfu, second inst, at 11.30 A.M.  
Calcutta and Calcutta.—Per A. Apoor, third inst, at 2.30 P.M.

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Friday, the 24th inst. at 9.00 A.M.

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